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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - JANUARY 14

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR
JANUARY 14, 1977:

SPOKESMAN:

AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO READ INTO THE RECORD THE
STATEMENT I MADE EARLIER THIS MORNING CONCERNING REPORTED
THREATS AGAINST THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

"IN RESPONSE TO MANY QUESTIONS I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

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"FIRST, THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT NORMALLY RECEIVE
REPORTS FROM THE SECRET SERVICE ABOUT THREATS AGAINST
THE SECRETARY. OCCASIONALLY THE SECRET SERVICE HAS
BRIEFED THE SECRETARY ON A SPECIFIC THREAT WHEN, IN ITS
JUDGMENT, IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY FOR THE SECRETARY TO TAKE
PRECAUTIONARY STEPS.

"WHILE WE FOLLOW THE PRACTICE OF NOT COMMENTING ONE WAY OR

THE OTHER ABOUT STORIES OF SPECIFIC THREATS, WE HAVE
NEVER BEEN INFORMED OF ANY THREATS INVOLVING ISRAELI
POLITICAL PARTIES, OR ANY GROUP WITHIN AN ISRAELI
POLITICAL PARTY, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY THE LIKUD."

Q. BOB, AS DICK POINTED OUT, THERE ARE SEVERAL HOLES
IN YOUR STATEMENT, ONE OF WHICH IS THE VERY NARROW
SCOPE WHICH YOU HAVE DRAWN THE THING. IS IT CONCEIVABLE
THAT THERE COULD BE A THREAT FROM AN ISRAELI GROUP THAT
IS NOT PART OF A POLITICAL PARTY?

A. THESE WORDS WERE CHOSEN VERY CAREFULLY AND THEY MEAN EXACTLY WHAT THEY SAY, NO MORE, NO LESS.

Q. WELL, THAT LEAVES OPEN A WIDE AREA. WE COULD DRAW FROM THAT THAT YOU ARE SAYING THAT AN ISRAELI GROUP COULD HAVE MADE SUCH A THREAT. THIS WOULDN'T BE PART OF LIKUD OR SOME OTHER ISRAELI POLITICAL PARTY.

A. WHAT I AM SAYING IS RESTRICTED TO WHAT I HAVE SAID. AND I AM NOT GOING TO GO INTO ANY OTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE NATURE OF THREATS FROM ANY QUARTER. I AM NOT ABLE TO.
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